



Inspection Report

ZOOTASTIC OF LAKE NORMAN INC

Customer ID: 44266

Certificate: 55-C-0243

Site: 001

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448 PILCH ROAD

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

TROUTMAN, NC 28166

Date: 28 March 2013

2.131 (c)(1)

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

***About one month ago, a customer was allowed to lie on the floor with a white tiger cub (weighing about 40 lbs.) on top of him. The tiger cub was face to face with the customer and apparently bit the man on the nose. The attendant that was present did not prevent the man from engaging in this risky behavior and did not intervene to stop it. If public contact is allowed with cubs, the animal must be under the direct control of an experienced handler to ensure the safety of the animal and the public and this sort of uncontrolled contact must be prevented. (Note: this white tiger cub is no longer present. A new lion cub has replaced it.)

***During this inspection, there was an unlocked door to the room housing one lion cub in the gift shop. This is an area with free access by the public. There was an employee present at a counter in the gift shop about 30 feet away, but this is too far to prevent the public opening the door and having access to the cub. Need to have a lock on the door to prevent unauthorized public access.

Correct all above by 4/1/13.

3.53 (a)(1)

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

Primary enclosures shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the rabbits from injury, to contain them, and to keep predators out.

***About 5-6 rabbits had escaped from their pen. The major point of escape was an opening closed only by a section of welded wire fencing held upright by a stool. The fence was not attached to the buildings and had fallen partly over leaving a gap for escape. The fence holding the rabbits also had some small gaps underneath where rabbits could readily dig out. Need to construct rabbit enclosures that will adequately contain the rabbits and prevent escape. Correct by March 31, 2013.

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3.125 (c) REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Storage. Supplies of food and bedding shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect such supplies against deterioration, molding, or contamination by vermin. Refrigeration shall be provided for supplies of perishable food.

***In walk-in cooler, there was a box of rotten tomatoes, some covered with white mold. The bottom of the box was soaked with juice that had leaked onto the shelf below. There was also some cauliflower with black mold on it. The floor of the cooler was not clean and had several liquid spills present. The floor and shelving also had some loose pieces of old produce present. Barrels of raw meat did not have tight-fitting lids to protect unwrapped meat. There was some odor present. Need to dispose of all spoiled food in a timely manner, keep all unwrapped meat in fully covered containers to protect it from dessication and contamination, and keep food storage areas clean and free of odor.

3.129 (a) DIRECT NCI

FEEDING.

The food shall be wholesome, palatable, and free from contamination and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain all animals in good health. The diet shall be prepared with consideration for the age, species, condition, size, and type of the animal.

***One female Nubian goat "Lulu" that had just recently given birth, was observed to be very thin, with sunken flanks, ribs visible, and thin hindquarters. Other animals in the same pen appeared in normal condition. Due to recent pregnancy and milk production, this goat appears not to be getting sufficient feed to maintain good body condition and it was not noted by employees until inspection. Need to provide additional nutrition to this goat until normal body condition is attained. Correct by March 29, 2013.

Exit briefing conducted with facility representative.

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